

## **The Silver Rose Route** **Press Release**

### **The Knights of Columbus sponsor the Silver Rose in honor of Life and Our Lady of Guadalupe right here in our diocese.**

A Silver Rose on a nine-month pilgrimage will be the focus of a special prayer service at the **Immaculate Conception Cathedral in Edmundston on Thursday, May 19, 2022 at 7:00 p.m.** The program is sponsored by the Knights of Columbus of the Diocese of Edmundston in honor of Our Lady of Guadalupe and expresses both international unity and dedication to the sanctity of human life

The Silver Rose journey begins each year in March and ends on December 12, the feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe. During this time, Silver Roses travel from city to city along eight routes across North America. Many of these routes begin in Canada and end in Mexico. The Silver Rose program began in 1960, when the first rose (a real, live one) was blessed by a bishop in Ontario. The rose then traveled to New York, then to Texas, from where it was carried across the border to Mexico. The rose ended its pilgrimage at the Basilica of Our Lady of Guadalupe in Monterrey on December 12, the patronal feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe.

To better ensure future annual trips, a silver rose was eventually manufactured. Today, due to the popularity of the program throughout North America, eight Silver Roses travel on unique itineraries. In 2001, Carl Anderson, former Supreme Knight of the Knights of Columbus, expanded the Silver Rose program, commenting, "Not only are we honoring Our Lady of Guadalupe and expressing the unity of the Knights of Columbus and the people, but we are also reaffirming the Order's dedication to the sanctity of human life. It is to the Blessed Mother that we turn in our prayers as we strive to end the Culture of Death that confronts our society. As we reflect in terms of "one life, one rose," it is fitting that we turn to Our Lady of Guadalupe, who made her wishes known through Juan Diego and the miracle of the roses."

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